

**MINUTES OF MEETING**  
**WAYNE COUNTY ELECTION COMMISSION**  
**THURSDAY, APRIL 13, 2017 – 2:15 P.M.**  
**COLEMAN A. YOUNG MUNICIPAL BUILDING - ROOM 700C**  
**2 WOODWARD AVENUE, DETROIT, MICHIGAN 48226**

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**Call to Order:** The meeting was called to order at 2:18 p.m., Thursday, April 13, 2017.

**Members present:** Honorable Freddie G. Burton, Jr., Chief Judge, Probate Court  
Honorable Eric Sabree, Member – Wayne County Treasurer  
Honorable Cathy M. Garrett, Secretary – Wayne County Clerk

**Also present:** Janet Anderson-Davis, Assistant Corporation Counsel  
Delphine G. Oden, Director, Wayne County Elections  
Jennifer Redmond, Assistant Director  
Rendell Wooden  
Rodney Patrick

**Agenda item:** **Consideration of Agenda approval.**

**Board action on agenda item:** Chair Burton requested a motion to approve the agenda. Member Garrett, duly supported by Member Sabree, moved to adopt the agenda as submitted. The motion was adopted unanimously by a voice vote.

**Agenda item:** **Approval of Minutes of March 23, 2017**

**Board action on agenda item:** Chair Burton requested a motion to approve the minutes of the meeting held on March 23, 2017. Member Sabree, duly supported by Member Garrett, moved to approve the minutes of the meeting held on March 23, 2017. The motion was adopted unanimously by a voice vote.

**Agenda item:** **Determination of Clarity: Rodney Patrick, City Council, City of Highland Park**

Chair Burton asked Assistant Corporation Counsel Janet Anderson-Davis to remind the commission of its role in determining clarity. Assistant Corporation Counsel Anderson-Davis reminded the commission of its role and duties for a determination of clarity. Anderson-Davis read the statute regarding the role of the Election Commission in regards to recall petitions and stated that there was litigation before Judge Levy in Federal Court in which she issued an opinion regarding recall petitions.

Anderson-Davis summarized the commission's role when reviewing petitions and what the commission should consider

**Board action on agenda item:** Chair Burton requested a motion regarding item 5A-1.

Reason for recall as printed on the Recall Petition 5A-1 for Rodney Patrick:

"Rodney Patrick is currently under investigation by the FBI for accepting bribes."

Chair Burton, moved to bring item 5A-1 before the commission for the purpose of discussion and to determine that the language is sufficiently clear.

Member Garrett recused herself from the proceedings due to personal relationships on both sides.

Chair Burton asked if there were any comments regarding the petition. Councilman Rodney Patrick made comments in opposition to the petition being approved.

Member Sabree, duly supported by Chair Burton, moved to approve item 5A-1 and determine that the language on the petition is sufficiently clear. The motion was adopted unanimously by a voice vote.

**Agenda item:**       **New Business.**   None

**Agenda item:**       **Public Comment.** Mr. Patrick asked what the process for appealing this decision was. Mr. Patrick was advised where to file his appeal.

**Agenda item:**       **Adjournment.** Chair Burton requested a motion to adjourn. Member Garrett, duly supported by Member Sabree, moved to adjourn the meeting. The motion was adopted unanimously by a voice vote.

Meeting adjourned at 2:32 p.m.